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SUBJECT: SIGNS OF INCREASED INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR GOG

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1. THE SITE OF THE MAY 5-7 ECONOMIC CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO CONAKRY, DESPITE MUCH PREVIOUS PUBLICITY THAT THIS CONFERENCE, PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND FOOD SUPPLIES, WOULD BE IN THE INTERIOR CITY OF PITA. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL GUINEANS AND AFRICAN DIPLOMATS, CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF PLANS. PITA IS IN THE FOULAH REGION AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CONSISTENT REPORTS THAT TOURE WAS WARNED THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER IF HE TRAVELED TO PITA. THE FOULAHs, LARGEST TRIBAL GROUP IN GUINEA, HAVE LONG BEEN CONSIDERED LUKEWARM TOWARD TOURE, AND MANY EVEN VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE FRENCH IN 1958. SINCE THAT TIME MANY HAVE PROSPERED IN PRIVATE COMMERCE, BUT HAVE GENERALLY BEEN FROZEN OUT OF NATIONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

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2. ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 26-27, THERE WAS A MILITARY

ALERT THROUGHOUT GUINEA, WITH INCREASED ROAD CHECKPOINTS
IN CONAKRY AND SOME TROOP DEPLOYMENTS TO BORDER POSTS.
ONE CREDITABLE REPORT FROM A RELIABLE AFRICAN DIPLOMAT
IS THAT THE GOG HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF A PLANNED
"INVASION" FROM SIERRA LEONE. THIS GUINEAN REPORT WAS
PRESUMABLY NO MORE CORRECT THAN SIMILAR REPORTS SINCE
1970 BUT IT REFLECTS THE GREATER-THAN-USUAL PREOCCUPATION
WITH SECURITY MATTERS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT.
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